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OPERATIONS ARCHITECTURE TO IMPLEMENT A LOCAL SERVICE

ACTIVATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (AS AMENDED)

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 2, 2003.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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